

**Advisory Action**  
**After the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

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The reply filed 26 March 2008 is acknowledged.

1. ☒ The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

a. ☒ The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).

b. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief.  
See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).

2. ☐ The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

Note: This paragraph is for a reply filed in response to one of the following: (a) an examiner's answer that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.39(a)(2)); (b) a supplemental examiner's answer written in response to a remand by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further consideration of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(a)(2)); or (c) a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(b)).

3. ☐ The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

4. ☒ Other: The amendment has not been presented improper format. See: MPEP 1206. The amended claim 5, filed with the Appeal Brief also creates new issues including a lack of antecedent basis for "the first sleeve" as claimed in dependent claim 10. Thus, the amendment to claim 5 has not been entered. Below is a correct, unamended copy of claim 5.

A system for applying pressure to an arm, said system comprising: an innermost therapeutic pressure sleeve (TPS) comprising a cylindrical body open at both ends having ridges formed over an inner surface and configured to be slid over the entire length of the arm from the shoulder to the wrist and to apply an inward pressure thereon; and at least a second sleeve comprising a cylindrical body open at both ends being configured to be slid wholly over the entire length of the TPS such that the second sleeve will have the same length as the first sleeve and will apply additional inward pressure onto the limb when the second sleeve is in place over the first sleeve.

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